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Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NW

Re: Docket # 02-277

Washington, DC 20554

The Fair Family 3215 S. Clayton Street Denver, CO 80210

Dear Chairman Powell:

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The proposed consolitation of media ownership
- as advocated by chairman Powell - is a
danger to the very essence of our democracy.

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Michael Powell FCC 445 12th St. SW Washington, DC 20554

February 13, 2003

Dear Mr. Powell,

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I write this letter to you in light of the decision you are making on dropping the FCC regulations regarding media ownership. I feel this proposal is unjust and will ultimately lead to a media controlled by a few people with special interests. Dropping the regulations would eliminate the local media industry and decrease the diversity of the American media.

America is known worldwide as "the melting pot." People of different ethnicities, religions, and cultures coexist in one nation, something that is one of the best aspects of our society. Our media should be a reflection of our society, allowing for different opinions to be expressed. Local medias allow for people to freely express their opinions to the community. The new regulations would allow for one company to own more than 35% of the media. This would lessen the number of owners. As a result, corporate interests would dictate what does and does not get published. Freedom of the press is one of our Constitutional rights, and dropping the regulations would open up the possibility of censorship in the media.

Removing the current regulations would effectively legalize a monopoly in the media. They would allow a company to own more than 35% of the market and more than one of the "big four" channels (FOX, NBC, CBS, and ABC). Lessening the diversity of the media would lead to a highly biased market, where only certain opinions are allowed to be stated, and others are shoved in the back. Civil rights groups maintain that there is a lack of minority ownership in the media under current regulations. The proposed changes to the regulations would effectively eliminate minority ownership in the media. In our diverse society, the interests and opinions of minorities must be expressed. If the media's true goal is to provide completely unbiased coverage of events, than you should be enraged by the proposal. It would make the goal of the media impossible to attain. If diversity is what you truly wish to attain within the media, I challenge you to strike down the proposed removal of regulations, and stand up for the rights that thousands upon thousands of men and women have died to maintain.

I urge you to not give in to the pressures of the political world and maintain the freedom in the market that we currently enjoy.

Sincerely,

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March 11, 2003

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW

Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

We write to you as concerned American citizens regarding television programming over which you exercise considerable power and control. Most programs have become extraordinarily offensive. Sex, immorality and off-color humor may sell well, but it also defiles and coarsens a culture and the people in it.

The language on television has become horrible. There is almost no word that is not used. Crude and vulgar profanities are the norm rather than the exception. Violence is a consistent theme in much of the television shows. The children of our nation are watching. They are greatly influenced by what they see and hear on television. We sigh and wonder what is happening to the youth of today. What causes them to react the way the do? We need look no farther then our television to see that the moral decline on the airwaves is trickling down to our young people.

It is encouraging to know that Commissioners Copps and Martin have voiced similar ideas in recent weeks. We want to encourage the entire FCC to do well by your fellow citizens by enforcing or otherwise helping to bring to pass some much needed reforms in television programming.

Frequently, we find ourselves changing channels in search of a program that is entertaining or educational without the moral degradation so prevalent today. Some days our search is fruitless. Even the commercials have gone beyond selling a product to the point that you do not even know what it is the company is trying to sell.

We encourage you to do your part by codifying and enforcing stricter programming standards.

Very truly yours,

Gregory L. Nase

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February 26, 2003

Michael K. Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Cross Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers

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Dear Chairman Powell:

Please *do not* change the current FCC rules and allow ownership of radio &/or TV stations and newspapers to be owned by the same organization. We need MORE diversity and competition in our media, not less. Encouraging separate ownership of many newspapers, TV, and radio stations promotes experiments with different programming and <u>local news</u> as opposed to broadcasting staff sitting miles away in other cities doing the "local" news and passing themselves off as members of a community they probably have never even seen.

We are a retired couple in our sixties and find most of the news coverage appalling. There is little "hard" news, sparse international news coverage and scant in-depth analysis or commentary. The consistent exception to that statement is National Public Radio and PBS Television. This is not your fault or your problem but if you allow the Murdock Empire or the other media giants to get their hands on the newspapers as well as the broadcast stations, the dumbing down of America will be complete! It will be complete commercialization (we are awash in advertising now) of the airways and what is worse, promoting the views and slanting the news to reflect the voices of the mighty few.

We do believe the lifeblood of democracy runs through the veins of the media and your responsibility to the American people is an awesome one. Keep as many voices alive as you can. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely.

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